

SWORN IN AS FUEL AGENT  
State Administrator Has Conference With Garfield Before Taking Up Duties  
OFFICE TO BE IN CITY  
Will Select Local Committees and Start Inquiry Into 1915 Coal Prices



WILLIAM POTTER  
Former Minister to Italy, who has been named as fuel controller for Pennsylvania

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—William Potter, of Philadelphia, took the oath of office this morning as fuel administrator of Pennsylvania. He was dressed a long while with Mr. Garfield and other officials discussing with them the duties of his office. Until he is more familiar with his duties and the local situation, Mr. Potter spent word over the telephone from Mr. Garfield's office, he will have nothing to say for publication. Mr. Potter will have an office in Philadelphia, and he will select the local committees who will make an investigation to determine the retailers' profit. Before this work is accomplished, he will guide the inquiry into the profits of 1915, to which 50 per cent is to be added to determine the tentative profit for the retailer this year.

As State fuel administrator Mr. Potter will have an immense responsibility, not only to the consuming public but also to every element in the coal industry. His power and influence in the life of Pennsylvania will be enormous. Virtually all questions involving price, supply and distribution of coal in Pennsylvania will be settled by him. To him will be transmitted by his subordinates all charges of violation of the control regulations, whether by producers, jobbers, distributors or dealers. It will be upon his recommendation that the law will be invoked against violators by the Federal fuel authorities.

To him will be addressed appeals, in time of coal shortage, for supplies to keep the wheels of individual industries turning. He will virtually apportion the coal supply of the entire State, sending coal to points where it is needed and withdrawing coal from points where there is an over-supply. If hoarding of coal is reported, it will be the duty of Mr. Potter to advise the Federal fuel administration to take action against the hoarders. If it is found that coal companies are supplying certain industries because those industries are willing to pay a price above the rate fixed by the Government while other industries are not, Mr. Potter's duty will be to see that action is taken against the offending companies.

But Mr. Potter's primary duty will be to see to it that the coal bins of the homes of Pennsylvania are kept filled, and filled at a reasonable price. Mr. Potter is undertaking a task of the greatest difficulty, one which calls for administrative ability, tact, fairness and broad understanding. Many men have been considered by the national fuel administration for this position, and Mr. Potter was finally chosen because his record convinced the national officials that he would hear the claims of the small consumer and of the workers in the coal mine with the readiest sympathy, yet would insist on a square deal for the operators of the industry.

CARROTS AND BEETS ARE NOW ABUNDANT

Fish Continues High in Price—Mayor's Food Commission Reports Today

Carrots and beets have gone back into the abundant group, according to the daily report of J. Russell Smith, chairman of the Food Commission of the Philadelphia Home Defense Committee. Beets are selling at 1 1/2 to 2 cents a bunch and carrots, 1 to 2 1/2 cents. A bunch contains from three to five beets. Squashes sell from 1 to 1 1/2 cents apiece, cabbages from 2 to 3 cents, eggplants from 2 to 3 cents, and cauliflowers, from 4 to 6 cents apiece. New York Alberta peaches sell from \$1.25 to \$1.75 for a bushel basket. Pumpkins are now in the market, coming from New Jersey, and selling at about 10 cents.

VEGETABLE PRICES

Table listing various vegetables and their prices, including items like cabbage, cauliflower, eggplant, and various types of beans and peas.

BRYAN DROPS IN ON WILSON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—William Jennings Bryan paid a courtesy call to President Wilson today. The former Secretary of State dropped into the White House executive office, and the President, learning of his presence there, hurried over from his study in the White House to greet him. They chatted for half an hour on what Mr. Bryan called "personal matters of mutual interest."

Urges Draft Law Decision

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The Supreme Court has been asked to pass on the constitutionality of the selective draft law at the earliest date possible in a motion presented by Solicitor General Davis. Appeals by persons convicted of violating the act have been made and the Solicitor General asked that they be advanced and heard together.

German Catholics Pledge Loyalty

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 2.—A large patriotic meeting of the Pennsylvania Society of German Catholics was held here today. The speaker was Rev. Father John J. Neumann, who urged the loyalty of German Catholics to the United States.

SCANDINAVIA ISOLATED BY BRITISH EMBARGO

Ban on All Shipments to Northern Neutrals Makes Crisis Acute

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Scandinavia and Holland are isolated from the rest of the world to day, so far as the importation of merchandise is concerned. The United States has already declared an embargo on shipments to these neutrals, and now England follows with the declaration that only newspapers and magazines may be sent to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland from this country.

This drastic action results from the discovery that the neutrals are footloose in sending great quantities of foodstuffs into Germany. Just what effect the embargo will have cannot be determined at this time. All the neutrals are suffering from a scarcity of food, as well as a coal famine, and the situation in Sweden is especially severe.

PLAN LIBERTY LOAN BOND CAMPAIGN AT CAMP DIX

Salesmen Busy and First Pay Day Is Expected to Show Large Investments

CAMP DIX, Wrightstown, N. J., Oct. 2.—Plans are being formed to conduct a Liberty Loan campaign among the men in camp. Pay day will be about the 8th or 9th of this month and the men will have a chance to pay down their first installments at once, and while in a buying mood. There are many bond salesmen both among the officers and selected men and these men will be drafted into a Liberty Loan campaign. Every officer, it is expected, will buy at least one \$50 bond so that at a very minimum about \$100,000 worth of bonds will be bought by officers. The paymaster will bring about \$200,000 for the first pay of the enlisted men.

DEGREE FOR LORD NORTHCLIFFE

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 2.—The degree of doctor of laws was conferred on Lord Northcliffe and Justice William H. Riddell, of the Supreme Court of Ontario, Canada, by the Rochester University yesterday.



Nation-Wide Preparedness

North, South, East, West—all working to put the Nation in fighting trim! Army and Navy Departments and districts camps, yards, coast-guard stations, light houses, munition, construction and textile plants—all co-ordinating to mould the vast organization into an effective homogeneous force! And in this enormous task the country's telephone network has been and will continue to be the great indispensable agent of communication.

The Bell System has enlisted every resource at its command and offered all unreservedly to the Government.

This, together with the immensely increased commercial demand for services, the general shortage of materials, and the enlistment and draft of a large number of technically trained employees who cannot be replaced, will, it is hoped, be borne in mind by every loyal American if there should later result the necessity for subordinating private convenience to the pressing needs of the Government.

The Bell Telephone Company of Penna.

HOT PRESIDENCY FIGHT BEFORE STATE FIREMEN

Balloting Now on Seems to Surely Favor Retention of Bonniwell

FOREIGN TAX BILL ISSUE

BUTLER, Pa., Oct. 2.—One of the most bitter fights for the presidency of the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association in history culminated this morning, when the delegates to the annual convention, in session here, cast their ballots. There were two candidates for the office, Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, of Philadelphia, incumbent and candidate for re-election for the third time, being opposed by Burgess George S. Wier, of Sharpsburg, Pa., candidate of those opposed to Judge Bonniwell's election because of his activities in having the foreign insurance bill, which would have benefited firemen outside of big cities and particularly in the western end of the State, vetoed by Governor Brumbaugh.

The credentials committee, reporting just before the election started, gave voting qualifications to 915 delegates, and practically every one of the delegates voted. Interest ran high, but it was conceded by the foe of Judge Bonniwell that he would overcome the opposition to his re-election and win by a substantial plurality.

The voting was concluded at noon and tellers were put to work counting the ballots. The election is said to have brought out a heavier vote than at any previous election in the history of the organization. Many persons supporting Burgess Wier for the presidency opposed Judge Bonniwell because tradition decrees that a president shall not serve more than two terms, they say, but the majority of the opposition centered upon Judge Bonniwell's influence in the vetoing of the foreign insurance tax bill, which the recent Legislature passed.

The early part of the morning's session was taken up by the reports of various committees. The credentials committee, in reporting 915 delegates in attendance at the convention, also reported a total membership in the organization of 4898 men. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the current account of \$4992.51, while the death benefit account shows a balance of \$25,017.62.

The ladies auxiliary of the association held its annual meeting in connection with the convention and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. John Glinkinger, Allentown; vice presidents, Mrs. P. J. Hoar, Scranton; Mrs. Grant M. Rooks, Pottstown; and Mrs. Edward Borzun, Norristown; financial secretary, Mrs. George E. Leitenberger, Norristown; recording secretary, Mrs. John Walters, Lebanon; treasurer, Mrs. Lewis Kessler, Pittsburgh.

SEEK BROOKLYN YOUTH

Edmund A. McNulty, a youth, of 794 Macon street, Brooklyn, is missing from home and his mother is seriously ill as a result of his absence and constantly calls for him. The police of several cities are endeavoring to find the boy.

CRIPPLE GETS THREE MONTHS

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Oct. 2.—Confessing larceny, Andrew F. Juhos appeared in court on crutches. He had been shot by a Philadelphia policeman when he tried to escape arrest. The shot struck him in the spine and crippled him for life. He had previously broken out of the lockup at Moyersford after being arrested for breaking into the Linerick Square Hotel and stealing between \$4 and \$5 and stealing a bicycle at Pottstown. Judge Swartz looked with compassion on the cripple and let him off with three months.

OPPOSE SIGNING LEASE NOW

Board of Trade Against Transit Act Because of High Prices

The Board of Trade, through its committee on municipal affairs and inland transportation, yesterday went on record against the signing of any transit lease at present. The reason given by the two committees was the present high prices, which probably will delay the completion of the high-speed system for some time. Resolutions setting forth the views of the organization were sent to Mayor Sponner and to Finance Committee Chairman Gaffney.

JERSEY SOLDIERS AT MCLELLAN

Second and Third Regiments Arrive for Intensive Training

MANY REUNION SCENES

Newcomers Helped to Get Camp in Shape by Those Who Came Earlier

CAMP MCLELLAN, Ala., Oct. 2.—South Jersey stock took a tremendous jump on the McClellan curb with the arrival early this morning of some few thousand of her finest specimens. They came in with the Second and Third Regiments of New Jersey Infantry, with headquarters in Trenton and Camden, respectively.

The Camden regiment, commanded by Colonel Thomas D. Landon, and having companies scattered all over southern New Jersey, really got here last night. Their trains pulled in over the spur that runs out here from Annsion late last night and the men, with bedding packs on their backs, detained and marched to the mess chalets of the Third Regiment camp, where they slept. Early this morning they were up and doing. Baggage and equipment was unloaded from the supply train and into the big five-ton motorcar supplied by the quartermaster corps. Everything is bustle and rush.

The Second Regiment, under command of Colonel Horace M. Headling, did not get here until this morning, owing to the fact that the available trackage was taken up by the trains of the Third. They were out on the spur just outside of the reservation, however, at 5 o'clock, but did not attempt to detrain until daylight.

The first section of the Third Regiment was under command of Major Winfield Price, and carried the supply company. The headquarters of the first battalion and Company M, of Burlington, all of the baggage and equipment was on this train. The second section carried the regimental headquarters, the headquarters company, machine gun company, sanitary detachment and Companies A, B, C and D, of Camden, and I, of Woodbury. This section was under command of Colonel Thomas D. Landon.

On the third section came the headquarters of the second and third battalions and Companies E, of Mount Holly; F, of Salem; G, of Ocean City; H, of Asbury Park; and J, of Atlantic City. The section was commanded by Major C. Walter Shivers.

YOU CAN GET VICTROLAS and Records quickly here

Advertisement for Victrolas and records, listing prices for various models like the XI \$100 and X \$75, and the name B. B. TODD with address 1306 ARCH STREET, 228 MARKET STREET.

SMOKES-FOR-SAMMEES CLUB OPEN TO ALL

No Limit on Membership, Nor Are There Restrictions on Contributions

The failure of the Emergency Aid to provide a rule prohibiting interested persons from contributing as often as they are so disposed to the Smokes-for-Sammees Club is being offset by the good that is being accomplished. Some men are contributing once a day, some twice and some three or more times. How much have you contributed?

The boys in the trenches need tobacco. The long hours of waiting for the next move by the Allies or the enemy might be made a little more cheerful if these "soldiers of democracy" were assured of the comforts and happy thoughts that are brought about by a pipe, cigar or cigarette.

The Smokes-for-Sammees Club is gaining in membership daily. There are no hard and fast rules governing its membership requirements. All one has to do is to dig down into his or her pocket or pocketbook and send as much as possible to the Emergency Aid tobacco committee.

This Tobacco Fund Week in Germantown and Chestnut Hill. Under the direction of Mrs. Frank E. Gummy, the theatres in that section are being canvassed daily by a group of girls who are taking up the contributions. Theatre owners are co-operating with the work by throwing announcements of the collections on the screen.

Mrs. Gummy is being assisted in the work by Mrs. Edward Haete, Mrs. Daniel Carstairs, Mrs. Walter Henderson, Mrs. Charles J. Wister, Mrs. Harry Wintner, Mrs. William George and the Misses Ross.

About \$11,000 has been obtained for the Sammees to date. Nearly triple this amount is needed to assure the boys in khaki who are "overseas" somewhere in France of a plentiful supply of tobacco. The headquarters of the tobacco committee is at 1428 Walnut street.

Advertisement for Victrolas and records, featuring an image of a Victrola and text describing the variety of records available and the service provided by B. B. Todd.

Advertisement for Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co. Wedding Gift Suggestions Sterling Silver, featuring an image of a silver vase.

Large advertisement for Parker Motor Sales Company, featuring an image of a vintage car and text promoting the company's service and location at 518 N. Broad St.

Large advertisement for Velvet tobacco, featuring an image of a man in a top hat and a pack of Velvet tobacco, with text promoting the product as "Nature's Method of Curing Tobacco" and "Follow Nature and You Can't Go Wrong".